



FY 09 Chippewa NF Accomplishments with LLBO

- *RAC Establishment:* Completed recruitment and development of a diverse Resource Advisory Committee to implement Secure Rural Schools Title II legislation.
- *Diversifying our Seasonal Workforce:* We continued our commitment to a diverse seasonal workforce in the following ways:
 - Expanded our YCC program from 8 to 12 members and successfully recruited three tribal members.
 - Hired 42 seasonal employees through 1039, STEP and Student Internships. 36% (15) of these represented hires of individuals of African American, Hispanic and Native American decent.
 - Recruited three students from the Leech Lake Tribal College Science-Technology-Engineering and Math (STEM) program (one returning for a second year).
 - Converted one Native American female SCEP participant.

Tribal Relations

- *Working Across Boundaries:* The Chippewa National Forest has maintained its commitment to working with our tribal partners in the following areas:
 - *Technology Transfer:* A day-long GPS training for Leech Lake Tribal College interns, conservation officers, and staff of the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management.
 - *Partnerships:* The Leech Lake Department of Public Works is partnering on at least two of our approved ARRA projects.
 - Provided chainsaw training to 10 Leech Lake Band members.
 - Represented R-9 at the National Tribal Relations Program Managers meeting in DC, December 1-5.
 - *Cultural Awareness:* A symbolically important Cedar Tree was transplanted from the Chippewa S.O. to the entrance of the Leech Lake Band's Veterans Memorial Powwow grounds.
 - Chippewa NF employees participated in a day long Diversity training hosted by the Leech Lake Band.
 - *Employment:* Continued use of the Leech Lake Band, Temporary Employment Program. Through a variety of Forest projects including ARRA, Tribal members are gaining from on the job training and employment opportunities.
 - The Little Pinky stewardship contract was successfully implemented by the Leech Lake Band.
 - The Riparian Dumpsite Clean Up partnership between the Chippewa NF and the Leech Lake Band's Department of Public Works received a Regional Honor Award in the Protecting Ecosystems category
 - Last Sept., the ink was barely dry on a new signed Agreement with the Leech Lake Band's Temporary Day Labor Program when benefits were realized at the district level. Use of the



- program has grown to include ARRA projects.
- *Government – Government Relations:* Initiated an annual leadership visit with the Leech Lake Tribal Council April 21st on current issues. A subsequent meeting with the Executive Director and Div. of Resource Mgmt Director focused on communications.
- Signed and funded a 5 year agreement with the LLBO for maintenance and operation of 53 impoundments on the Forest; both on and off the reservation.

Contracting Goals

Exceeded all Acquisition goals in FY 09:

	Chippewa	Agency Goals
Small Business	94.0%	80.0%
Small Disadvantaged Business	36.0%	6.0%
8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business	7.0%	5.0%
Hub-Zone Small Business	9.0%	3.0%
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business	6.0%	3.0%
Women Owned	8.0%	5.0%

- *Working Across Boundaries:* The Forest received \$338,875 in Stevens grant funding to implement 500 acres of hazardous fuels work near the tribal community of Ball Club in partnership with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Completed a new Agreement with LLBO to utilize the Steven's Funds on WUI lands adjacent to the National Forest. Utilized cooperative agreements with LLBO to increase fuels management and fire preparedness capabilities, such as including engines and/or personnel from LLBO on most prescribed burns.
- *Rabideau Youth Program:* This was the second year of a six week program with the Workforce Investment Act program, with 16 youth based at the Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp. The enrollees gained job skills by participating in building maintenance, masonry, campground maintenance and cleanup, trail maintenance, learned horticulture skills through creating a community garden.
- *Cooperating with Partners on Education:* Hosted a forest health workshop in April. Over 50 attendees from LLBO DRM, forest industry, MN DNR, and Forest Service personnel. Presenters were FS State and Private Forestry from St. Paul and from the MN DNR.